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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b) AND

DISMISSING PETITION UNDER

37 CFR 1.47(a) AS MOOT

In re Application of Seiler, et al. Application No. 09/919,594 Filed: July 31, 2001 Attorney Docket No.: 5246 P 003 For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INFORMATION COMMUNICATION BETWEEN POTENTIAL POSITIONEES AND POSITIONORS

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed February 22, 2002 and supplemented April 8, 2002, and the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 16, 2002 and supplemented August 16, 2002.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

The application became abandoned November 6, 2001 for failure to timely file a proper response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application ("Notice") mailed September 5, 2001. The Notice set a period of response of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of the time for reply in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely requested. This decision precedes Notice of Abandonment.

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137 (b)

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c). The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

In view of the <u>joinder</u> of the inventors, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is not necessary and the petition is considered to be moot. This application does <u>not</u> have any Rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at $(703)\ 305-0310$.

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